

Minutes of the Pittsford Town Board for March 4, 2025

TOWN OF PITTSFORD TOWN BOARD March 4, 2025

Proceedings of a meeting of the Pittsford Town Board held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. local time in the Lower-Level Meeting Room of Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, in person.

PRESENT: Supervisor William A. Smith, Jr.; Councilmembers Naveen Havannavar, Cathy Koshykar, Stephanie Townsend, and Kim Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Members: Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Paul Schenkel, Commissioner of Public Works; Renee McQuillen, Town Clerk; Jessie Hollenbeck, Recreation Director; Kelly Eldred, Assistant to the Supervisor; Holly Jennings, Communications Assistant; Spencer Bernard, Chief of Staff.

ATTENDANCE: Eight members of the public along with an interpreter attended.

Supervisor Smith called the Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and invited all to join in the Pledge to Flag.

SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the Pittsford Boys Hockey team for winning Sectionals and moving on to State championship games.

To avoid inaccurate rumors, the Supervisor discussed information from the Sheriff's Office regarding a pair of incidents in Pittsford last night. About 6:00 PM a person at the library received a text message threatening to people at the library. Deputies evacuated the building and swept it for anything harmful. The threat was found to be not credible, and the building reopened this morning. About 7 pm last night an armed robbery took place at the apartments at 3660 Monroe Ave. Monroe County Sheriff's deputies combed adjacent areas adjacent looking for the suspects and as of this meeting the search continues. The Sheriff's Office states no danger is posed to the public.

Reminder that we spring ahead one hour this weekend on Sunday morning. Don't forget to check your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26 MEETING APPROVED

A Resolution to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of February 26, was offered by Deputy Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and voted on by members as follows: Ayes: Havannavar, Koshykar, Taylor, Townsend, and Smith. Nays: none.

The Resolution was declared carried as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the February 26, 2025, Town Board meeting are approved.

LEGAL MATTERS

DISCUSSION ON DONATION OF LAND TO TOWN BY BRIDLERIDGE FARMS LLC

Peter Vars with BME Associates, reviewed the history of the property for the board. In the 1960's and 1970's it served as a gravel pit, which lead to the creation of the quarry pond as ground water filled in. The gravel pit was closed and ceased operations, as confirmed in a letter from the DEC in 2008. This specific piece of property originally was planned to have a house built on it, but during the building of

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another home adjacent to the site it was found that materials in the soil underneath were unsuitable for good construction.

Discussion among Board members and questions to staff involved environmental concerns. Also, the need for a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment prior to accepting the property, to include many test borings, soil and groundwater samples, to provide a clear understanding of the what the site may contains and any remediation necessary. Given this and other questions about how the Town would accommodate public safety on the property and a restrictive covenant on its use, the Board consensus was to decline the offer.

BOARD REVIEW OF PROPOSED ZONING CODE REVIEW

Councilmember Townsend reviewed with Board members items she wished to discuss prior to the public hearing. These covered clarification of certain definitions, minor formatting issues and additional language to be added in various sections throughout the document.

Supervisor Smith then shared with the board his comments, including central placement of definitions for easier reference, resolving formatting issues, correcting cross-references and providing references to single family attached residences and to geothermal installation.

Board members expressed their gratitude to all those past and present involved with bringing this document to fruition.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Havannavar inquired about the possibility of setting forth on the town website the process for creating lighting districts, just as the website sets out the process for creating refuse districts. Supervisor Smith thanked Councilmember Havannavar for this idea and stated he would have staff prepare this information for the website in the weeks ahead.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee McQuillen
Town Clerk